

thereof --claim 12--.

In claim ~~20~~, lines 1-2, please delete "any of claims 12 to 17" and insert in place thereof --claim 12--.

In claim ~~21~~, lines 1-2, please delete "any of claims 12 to 17" and insert in place thereof --claim 12--.

In claim ~~22~~, lines 1-2, please delete "any of claims 14 to 21" and insert in place thereof --claim 14--.

~~23~~ In claim ~~23~~, line 1, please delete "any of claims 1 to 22" and insert in place thereof --claim 1--.

In claim ~~24~~, lines 4-5, please delete "any of claims 14 to 23" and insert in place thereof --claim 14--.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to insert the Sequence Listing before the claims. It is respectfully requested that the pages be renumbered accordingly. No new matter is being added by this Sequence Listing.


The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies.

Early and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and believed to be in order.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney at the number identified below to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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